

## Parking Implementation and Governance Committee

10/11/16, 8 to 8:30 AM

Town Manager's Conference Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Adam Chapdelaine, , Mike Morse, Steve Gilligan, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Laura Wiener

Members Absent: Steve Byrne, Mike Gordon, John Hurd, Steve Biagioni, Leland Stein

Discussion: 15 minutes free at single space meters.

Adam reviewed that the previous recommendation to the Selectmen against using 15 minutes free was based on concerns about enforcement. However, Lexington has employed it successfully, so those concerns are gone. Adam and Steve Gilligan think we might want to reconsider.

Steve G. said that people might want to be able to run in and out. If the goal is parking availability, this encourages quick turnaround in certain situations.

Howard asked how much revenue might be lost. Laura responded that Lexington reports that the "free" button is employed 1.3 times per meter per day. Back of the envelope estimate is that we would lose about \$26,000/year in revenue. Howard noted that this is revenue that could be used to improve conditions in the Center.

Adam noted that this might ease resistance to the meters by the merchants, serving the overall purpose. We can re-evaluate it in the future.

Motion: to recommend to the Selectmen that they adopt 15 minutes free in all single space meters. Voted unanimously.

Status of installation:

Corey reported, poles are almost all installed. Signs are not yet complete. Permit system for Whittemore Robbins House lot still needed. Things are moving rapidly.